Computerisation of manuscripts

† 1792. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any suggestion has been received by Government regarding computerisation of manuscripts of Gurudev Rabjndranath Tagore;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this task would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However the National Library, Kolkata have 61 pages of manuscripts (poems and other writings) of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore and it plans to digitize these manuscripts in collaboration with the National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM). The project will be completed within one year after commencement.

Acquisition of Mysore Palace

1793. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Karnataka has passed a legislation for the acquisition of the Royal Palace of Mysore;

(b) the proposed action plan prepared to acquire and its status;

(c) the amount of compensation/value fixed and what are the yardsticks adopted and who are its recepients; and

(d) whether Government are likely to interfere in this issue for ensuring an amicable settlement through Archaeology/Tourism Department?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Karnataka has passed a legislation called Mysore Palace (Acquisition and Transfer) Act, 1998. Since the Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed to maintain *status-quo,* no further action has been taken.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.